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House Passes Drivers' License Renewal Bill



Measure Corrects Post-Suspension Violation Status

HARTFORD- Representative David Scribner (R-Brookfield) today voted in favor of legislation before the state House of Representatives which provides that a person who operates a motor vehicle after a period of suspension has ended but before such person's license is restored commits the violation of failing to renew a license or operating without a license, not the offense of operating while under suspension.

This bill establishes penalties for operating a motor vehicle without obtaining a reinstatement of a license after the suspension period has expired. Under current law, such violators are subject to the penalties for operating with a suspended license.

Provisions of the measure reduce the mandatory license suspension periods for a second offense from at least five to at least two years for certain motor vehicle offenses.

It imposes additional penalties for certain people convicted of operating a motor vehicle without first obtaining a license, violating a condition of a conditional license, or operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license or registration, or with a refused license.

“If an individual who has had his or her operator’s license suspended has gone beyond the period of suspension, but drives prior to reinstating their license, they should not be guilty of driving under suspension,” said Representative Scribner. “While it is clearly inappropriate and illegal for the individual to be driving before reinstating their license, this bill makes the offense and penalty more on par.”

Any person whose operator's license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, must pay a restoration fee of \$125.

The bill now heads to the state Senate for action there.